

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Despite the economic and financial difficulties facing our nation, faithful supporters of ANR have continued to give regularly and sacrificially. Our income for 2010 (£23,280.52) compares very favourably with that for 2009 (£18,780.21), though we need to bear in mind that the increase for 2010 is mainly due to the efforts of Alder Allen to raise funds for the new school in Nepal. Our Gift Aid 'rebate' for 2009 (received in 2010) was £3762.57 - a clear demonstration of the boost to our income when supporters use the Gift Aid scheme.

As a young Christian I once read the story of a rich farmer who was asked the secret of his success. "Ah" the old man replied, "As I shovel out, the Lord shovels in, and His shovel is much bigger than mine!" My own life since then has been a testimony to this truth – as my wife and I have been faithful in giving, so the Lord, who owns the cattle on a thousand hills, has blessed us beyond all expectation. I am so glad that many of our sponsors have also experienced this for themselves. Jesus said: "Give and it will be given to you ....good measure, pressed down and flowing over." In the time of Jesus' ministry on earth, grain was sold in bushel containers – the correct measure was a level surface at the top. When God gives He piles the vessel so high that the grain overflows.

It is out of an appreciation for the love, mercy and grace of our Lord that we give. It is always pertinent to remember that we brought nothing into this world and we will not be taking anything out when we die. In the meantime we must be good stewards with all that Lord entrusts to us - possessions, time and talents.

To all our supporters we say: "Thank you for being an active builder of the church of Christ – your generosity is transforming the lives of some of the poorest and most needy children on earth."

Vic Thomas

(Pictured above with his wife Andrea at the Equator in southern Uganda, Feb. 2011)